

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (currently amended): A multi-piece solid golf ball comprising a solid core of at least one layer, an intermediate layer enclosing the solid core, and a cover enclosing the intermediate layer, wherein

said intermediate layer has a gage  $G_1$  of 0.8 to 1.5 mm and a Shore D hardness of ~~56 to 58~~ 50 to 65, said cover has a gage  $G_2$  of 0.5 to 1.3 mm and a Shore D hardness of 37 to 50 and is formed of an urethane resin, and the gage  $G_1$  of said intermediate layer and the gage  $G_2$  of said cover satisfy  $[G_1/(G_1+G_2)] \times 100 \geq 45\%$   $67.9\% \geq [G_1/(G_1+G_2)] \times 100 \geq 51.7\%$  and said hardness of said intermediate layer is higher than said hardness of said cover.

2. (previously presented): The multi-piece solid golf ball of claim 1 wherein said intermediate layer has a gage  $G_1$  of 1 to 1.5 mm.

3. (original): The multi-piece solid golf ball of claim 1 wherein said solid core undergoes a deflection of 3 to 4.5 mm under an applied load of 100 kg.

4. (original): The multi-piece solid golf ball of claim 1 wherein said cover is formed of a cover material having a melt index of at least 3.0 dg/min at 190°C.

5. (canceled).

6. (previously presented): The multi-piece solid golf ball of claim 1 wherein said multi-piece golf ball is a three piece solid golf ball consisting of a solid core, an intermediate layer, and a cover.

7. (previously presented): The multi-piece solid golf ball of claim 1 wherein said intermediate layer is formed of ionomer resins.

8. (canceled).

9. (canceled).

10. (currently amended): The multi-piece solid golf ball of claim 1, wherein the gage  $G_1$  of said intermediate layer and the gage  $G_2$  of said cover satisfy  $65\% \geq [G_1/(G_1+G_2)] \times 100 \geq \underline{50.7}\%$ .

11. (canceled).

12. (new): The multi-piece solid golf ball of claim 3, wherein a spherical body obtained by enclosing the core with the intermediate layer undergoes a deflection of 2.8 to 6.0 mm under an applied load of 100 kg.

13. (new): The multi-piece solid golf ball of claim 12, wherein a spherical body obtained by enclosing the intermediate layer with the cover undergoes a deflection of 2.5 to 4.0 mm under an applied load of 100 kg.

14. (new): A multi-piece solid golf ball comprising a solid core of at least one layer, an intermediate layer enclosing the solid core, and a cover enclosing the intermediate layer, wherein said intermediate layer has a gage  $G_1$  of 0.8 to 1.5 mm and a Shore D hardness of 50 to 65, said cover has a gage  $G_2$  of 0.5 to 1.3 mm and a Shore D hardness of 37 to 50 and is formed of an urethane resin, and the gage  $G_1$  of said intermediate layer and the gage  $G_2$  of said cover satisfy  $67.9\% \geq [G_1/(G_1+G_2)] \times 100 \geq 51.7\%$  and said hardness of said intermediate layer is higher than said hardness of said cover, and

wherein said solid core, a spherical body obtained by enclosing the core with the intermediate layer and a spherical body obtained by enclosing the intermediate layer with the cover undergo a deflection of 3 to 4.5 mm, 2.8 to 6.0 mm and 2.5 to 4.0 mm under an applied load of 100 kg, respectively.